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One Hundred Sixth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

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Joint Resolution

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should
encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru.

Whereas presidential and congressional elections are scheduled to
occur in Peru on April 9, 2000;

Whereas independent election monitors, including the Organization
of American States, the National Democratic Institute, and the
Carter Center, have expressed grave doubts about the fairness
of the electoral process due to the Peruvian Government's control
of key official electoral agencies, systematic restrictions on
freedom of the press, manipulation of the judicial processes to
stifle independent reporting on radio, television, and newspaper
outlets, and harassment and intimidation of opposition politicians,
which have greatly limited the ability of opposing candidates
to campaign freely; and

Whereas the absence of free and fair elections in Peru would con-
stitute a major setback for the Peruvian people and for democracy
in the hemisphere, could result in instability in Peru, and could
jeopardize United States antinarcotics objectives in Peru and
the region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the
sense of Congress that the President of the United States should
promptly convey to the President of Peru that if the April 9,
2000, elections are not deemed by the international community
to have been free and fair, the United States will review and
modify as appropriate its political, economic, and military relations

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with Peru, and will work with other democracies in this hemisphere and elsewhere toward a restoration of democracy in Peru.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.